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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 July 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) 1-17 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

A preliminary amendment was received and entered on 1/28/02. Claims 2, 4, 6, 7, and 9-11 were amended, and new claims 12-17 were added as requested.

Compliance with Sequence Rules

This application contains sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37 CFR 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2). However, this application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821 through 1.825 for the following reason(s). This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R.1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rule making notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998). **The specification at page 23, lines 6, 9, 12, 15, and 18; page 24, lines 2, 5, 8, and 11; page 27, lines 23 and 24; page 31, line 15 to page 32, line 8; page 43, lines 5-7; page 48, lines 23 and 27; page 49, lines 5-15; page 81, lines 23-27; page 125, lines 32 and 33; page 126, lines 11-14; and disclose either or both of nucleic acid sequences in excess of 9 bases or amino acid sequences in excess of 3 residues that are not accompanied by a SEQ ID NO.** If these sequences are listed in the current Sequence Listing, then the specification and/or Figure should be amended to include the appropriate SEQ ID NO in each of the passages referred to above. If these sequences are not in the current Sequence Listing, then Applicant must provide:

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A substitute computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing".

A substitute paper copy of the "Sequence Listing", as well as an amendment directing its entry into the specification.

A statement that the content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and, where applicable, include no new matter, as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e) or 1.821(f) or 1.821(g) or 1.825(b) or 1.825(d).

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Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372. This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. Note that claim 8 was not included in the restriction because it is too indefinite to be interpreted. Claim 8 is drawn to the "use according to claim 7", but claim 7 is drawn to an expression plasmid, and not to a use.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

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Group 1, claim(s) 1, 3, and 5 drawn to a method of making a pharmaceutical composition through the use of an effective amount of one or more catalysts that are enzymes belonging to the heme biosynthetic pathway, or are enzymatically equivalent parts or analogues thereof.

Group 2, claim(s) 2, 4, 6, and drawn to methods for preparing recombinant human PBGD by providing a vector comprising an expressible sequence encoding PBGD, culturing a transformed host cell, and recovering the expression product.

Group 3, claim 7 drawn to an expression vector as shown in SEQ ID NO:1.

Group 4, claims 9-11, drawn to a recombinant human PBGD.

Group 5, claims, 12-17 drawn to a bacterial cell that does not produce PBGD of non-human origin, a first method of use, and a first method of making.

Should Applicant elect group 1, a further group restriction is required as follows.

Group 1 comprises multiple patentably distinct inventions. Claim 3 recites eight different enzymes from the heme biosynthetic pathway, or enzymatically equivalent parts or analogues thereof, which may be used separately or in any combination to treat a disease or deficiency caused by deficiency in a subject of one or more enzymes belonging to the heme biosynthetic pathway. Applicant is required to elect a single catalyst or combination of catalysts to be used in the treatment method, and to which examination will be limited should no generic or linking claim be found allowable.

The inventions listed as Groups 1-6 do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

The technical feature that links the various inventions is "an enzyme belonging to the heme biosynthetic pathway". However, as noted in the specification, the heme biosynthetic pathway and its enzymes were well known in the art at the time of the invention. So the technical feature linking the inventions cannot be a special technical feature under PCT Rule 13.2 because it does not make a contribution over the prior art. Furthermore, the enzymes that constitute this pathway, listed in claim 3, do not

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constitute a proper Markush group. See MPEP 803.02 - PRACTICE RE MARKUSH-TYPE CLAIMS - If the members of the Markush group are sufficiently few in number or so closely related that a search and examination of the entire claim can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine all the members of the Markush group in the claim on the merits, even though they are directed to independent and distinct inventions. In such a case, the examiner will not follow the procedure described below and will not require restriction. Since the decisions in *In re Weber*, 580 F.2d 455, 198 USPQ 328 (CCPA 1978) and *In re Haas*, 580 F.2d 461, 198 USPQ 334 (CCPA 1978), it is improper for the Office to refuse to examine that which applicants regard as their invention, unless the subject matter in a claim lacks unity of invention. *In re Harnish*, 631 F.2d 716, 206 USPQ 300 (CCPA 1980); and *Ex parte Hozumi*, 3 USPQ2d 1059 (Bd. Pat. App. & Int. 1984). Broadly, unity of invention exists where compounds included within a Markush group (1)share a common utility, **and** (2) share a substantial structural feature disclosed as being essential to that utility. In this case, the members of the Markush group are individual enzymes that catalyze distinct chemical reactions. These enzymes have no common structure and have no common utility inasmuch as they catalyze different chemical reactions. For this reason each enzyme, and each combination of enzymes, claimed, represents a distinct invention that lacks unity of invention with any other claimed enzyme or combination thereof.

The special technical feature of each invention is considered to be as listed above.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner(s) should be directed to Richard Schnizer, whose telephone number is 571-272-0762. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday between the hours of 6:00 AM and 3:30. The examiner is off on alternate Fridays, but is sometimes in the office anyway.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang, can be reached at (571) 272-0811. The official central fax number is 571-273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to (571) 272-0547.

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